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SUBJECT: TEXTILE AND CLOTHING INDUSTRY QUESTIONNAIRE

REF: OECD PARIS 3322; TARRANT/FORRESTER TELCON, 3/11

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE TRANSMITTED
BY LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 13 TO EDWARD GOTTFRIED, DEPART-
MENT OF COMMERCE:

INTRODUCTION

1. WHEN REPLYING TO THE QUESTIONS IN THIS QUESTION-
NAIRE, DELEGATIONS WILL BEAR IN MIND THE ORIENTATION
WHICH THE AD HOC WORKING PARTY INTENDS TO GIVE TO ITS
STUDY. THIS CAN SUCCINCTLY BE PUT INTO THE FORM OF A
HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION: "IF THERE IS SOON
AN UPSWING IN ACTIVITY OF THE TEXTILE AND CLOTHING
INDUSTRY, IS IT LIKELY THAT YOUR COUNTRY WILL EXPERIENCE
PROBLEMS WITH REGARD TO TEXTILE RAW MATERIALS AND
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ENERGY AND, IF SO, WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ALLEVIATE THEM?"

TO PROVIDE ELEMENTS FOR AN ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION, THE AD HOC WORKING PARTY WILL LOOK BOTH INTO THE EXPERIENCES HAD BY COUNTRIES RECENTLY (1973/74) AND INTO THE PROVISIONS WHICH THEY MAY ENVISAGE MAKING IN THIS RESPECT FOR THE FUTURE.

2. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY THE TERM "RAW MATERIALS", AS FAR AS THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY IS CONCERNED, COVERS ALL TYPES OF FIBRES, WHETHER NATURAL OR MAN-MADE; WITH REGARD TO THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY, IT COVERS CLOTH, WHETHER WOVEN OR KNITTED. THE TERM "ENERGY" SHOULD BE TAKEN IN ITS BROADEST SENSE, NAMELY TO COVER A) POWER, B) FEED-STOCK AND C) FERTILISER.

DELEGATIONS ARE INVITED TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, INCLUDING ALL DETAILS THAT MAY APPEAR TO BE OF INTEREST FOR THE STUDY AS A WHOLE.

PART I: AVAILABILITY AND PRICES OF TEXTILE RAW MATERIALS AND ENERGY

1. DID THE INDUSTRY IN YOUR COUNTRY, IN 1973/74 EXPERIENCE A SHORTAGE OF A) RAW MATERIALS AND B) ENERGY, AND WHAT FORM DID IT TAKE (E.G., LACK/DELAY IN SUPPLY, REFUSAL TO SELL)?

2. TO WHAT EXTENT DID THE SHORTAGE TAKE THE FORM OF HIGHER PRICES RATHER THAN OF REAL LACK IN SUPPLY?

3. WHAT HAVE BEEN THE PRINCIPLE CAUSES OF THESE PROBLEMS?

4. WHAT HAVE BEEN THE EFFECTS ON INDUSTRY OF THESE EVENTS?

5. WHAT ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THAT OCCASION, BY INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEMS?

6. WITH REGARD TO THE FUTURE, HOW DO YOU ENVISAGE THE

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SITUATION OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS WITH REGARD TO RAW MATERIALS AND ENERGY?

7. IN THE LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, HAVE INDUSTRY OR GOVERNMENT INSTITUTED, OR DO THEY ENVISAGE INSTITUTING, NATIONAL MEASURES (GENERALLY OR SPECIFICALLY TO THE INDUSTRY) IN THE EVENT THAT THE SAME, OR A SIMILAR, SITUATION SHOULD OCCUR AGAIN?

8. DO YOU ENVISAGE CONCLUDING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS,
WHETHER BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL, TO SECURE SUPPLY OF
THE NECESSARY MATERIALS?

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PART II: POSSIBILITY OF ECONOMY AND SUBSTITUTION

9. WHAT EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN HAD WITH REGARD TO ECONOMIZ-
ING RAW MATERIALS AND ENERGY IN THE COURSE OF THE PRO-
DUCTION PROCESS?

10. DO NEW TECHNOLOGIES EXIST APPLICATION OF WHICH WOULD
ENABLE INPUTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND ENERGY TO BE REDUCED?

11. TO WHAT EXTENT CAN THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF RAW
MATERIAL AND OF ENERGY, RESPECTIVELY, BE SUBSTITUTED FOR
EACH OTHER?

12. TO WHAT EXTENT DO POSSIBILITIES EXIST OF SUBSTITUTING INDIGENOUS RAW MATERIALS AND ENERGY FOR IMPORTED ONES?

13. IN WHAT WAY IS GOVERNMENT INVOLVED IN ASSESSING THE POSSIBILITIES OF ECONOMY AND SUBSTITUTION?
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14. DOES INDUSTRY SET ITSELF TARGETS, OR DOES GOVERNMENT FIX TARGETS, TO BE MET WITH REGARD TO ECONOMY AND SUBSTITUTION?

PART III: RECOVERING AND RECYCLING PROCESSES

15. WHAT EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN HAD WITH REGARD TO RECOVERING WASTE MATERIALS AND ENERGY ARISING IN THE PRODUCTION PROCESS (FOR RE-USE IN THE SAME PROCESS OR ELSEWHERE)?

16. WHAT EXPERIENCE, BOTH TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC, HAS BEEN HAD WITH REGARD TO RECOVERING USED TEXTILE PRODUCTS AND THEIR RECYCLING IN THE TEXTILE (AND CLOTHING) INDUSTRY, OR ELSEWHERE?

17. IS GOVERNMENT INVOLVED IN THE ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBILITIES FOR RECOVERING AND RECYCLING (WASTE) MATERIALS AND ENERGY?

2. ACTION REQUESTED. PLEASE CABLE COMMENTS, REVISIONS, ASAP.
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